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Introduction

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Thompson Submachine Gun, Cal. 45, straight clip.

Advantages:

- Accurate at close range.
- Shoots without too much noise.
- Does not jump or is not hard to control when fired automatically.
- Does not jam easily.
- Easy to strip and clean.

Disadvantages:

- It is too heavy to carry any length of time.
- It is not as powerful at long range as is, for example, the M-1 Carbine.
- The size and weight of the ammunition for this weapon are so great that it is impossible to carry a large quantity or a quantity considered adequate by the sources.
- It fires too slowly for an automatic weapon.
- It is very inaccurate at long range.

"Grease Gun", Cal. 45

Advantages:

- Light in construction and, because of the folding stock, it is easy to carry and conceal.
- Very simply constructed and therefore easy to strip and clean.
- Does not jam easily.
- Very accurate at short range.

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- e. Does not kick or jump when fired automatically.
- f. Clips for this weapon are easy to load manually.

Disadvantages:

- a. Because of the short barrel, it is very inaccurate at long range and is not very powerful either.
- b. Ammunition is too heavy; prohibits the carrying of a large quantity.
- c. Clips for this weapon are too long. If one were to fire from a prone position, resting the end of the clip on the ground, he would be forced to expose himself more than necessary.
- d. Does not fire as rapidly as one would expect from an automatic weapon.
- e. Clips are too easily released and therefore must be watched constantly and carefully or else they can be lost accidentally by the slightest jar.

M 1 - .30 Cal. Rifle - (Garand)

Advantages:

- a. Very accurate and powerful at both short and long range.
- b. Easy to insert ammunition.
- c. Since it is semi-automatic it is considered an outstanding rifle (as compared with rifles of same weight, length, and caliber but which are not automatic or semi-automatic.)

Disadvantages:

- a. Much too heavy to carry for any length of time.
- b. Too difficult to strip and clean.
- c. Kicks too hard when fired.
- d. Would be a much better semi-automatic rifle if a clip could be designed to hold at least twenty rounds of ammunition and inserted from the bottom of the gun instead of from the top.
- e. With the type clip and method of insertion as mentioned in (a) above, the Garand would also be considered outstanding if made into full automatic.

Carbine M-1 .30 Cal. (Semi-automatic with automatic switchover)

Advantages:

- a. Very light.
- b. Accurate at both short and long range.
- c. Very powerful at short and long range.
- d. Clips hold ample supply of ammunition and are very easy to load manually.
- e. Ammunition weighs little, permitting one to carry an ample supply without becoming weighted down.
- f. Excellent safe mechanism.
- g. Has good yet simple sights which are easy to use.
- h. The fact that it can be changed from semi-automatic to automatic by a mere flick of the finger is considered advantageous.
- i. Does not jam easily.
- j. Grenade launcher can be fastened to it.
- k. Functions adequately even when not thoroughly cleaned and oiled.

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Disadvantages:

- a. Because of the many fine, small parts and springs, it is impossible to strip and clean under any but ideal circumstances. When detail stripping this weapon, one must be very careful not to lose one or more vital part. Also because of the complicated construction, one must spend some time before mastering the art of dismantling and reassembling. Without instruction by an experienced person, one would spend hours attempting to strip and assemble this weapon and then might never succeed.
- b. Clips not held in place strongly enough and can, therefore, easily be jarred loose accidentally.

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